



Approved: *Bridget Donnell Newton*
Attest: *Sara Taylor-Ferrell*
Approved Meeting No. 39-20;
March 1, 2021

Monday, November 23, 2020
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
MEETING NO. 39-20
ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND

THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND COUNCIL PRESIDING

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Bridget Donnell Newton	Mayor	Present
Monique Ashton	Councilmember	Present
Beryl L. Feinberg	Councilmember	Present
David Myles	Councilmember	Present
Mark Pierzchala	Councilmember	Present

Convene

The Mayor and Council convened in Open Session at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, November 23, 2020 Via Webex.

Staff Present: City Manager Rob DiSpirito, Acting City Attorney Cynthia Walters, and City Clerk/Director of Council Operations Sara Taylor-Ferrell.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Bridget Donnell Newton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Agenda Review

City Clerk/Director of Council Operations Sara Taylor Ferrell reported no changes to the Agenda.

3. City Manager's Report

City Manager Rob DiSpirito presented information on events and topics: The FY2022 Budget Survey is available online at Rockvillemd.gov/budget. The survey provides residents an opportunity to identify their budget priorities, initiatives for the negative impact of COVID-19, and options for maintaining a balanced budget. All residents are encouraged to participate in the survey and complete the survey before the next Mayor and Council meeting of December 14.

COVID-19 testing is available this week at the following locations: Tuesday, November 24 from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. at the Rockville Civic Center, Friday, November 27 from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. at the Montgomery County Health and Human Services Office Building, and Saturday, November 28 from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. at Rockville Methodist Church. Please visit <https://www.rockvillemd.gov/2316/COVID-19-Resources> for additional information. Curbside leaf vacuuming will continue in the five collection areas through Friday, December 12.

A public utility payment drop box has been installed at the third floor entrance of City Hall. No cash or credit card payments are accepted. The City would like to thank the Public Works staff for their telework services during the COVID-19 pandemic and the staff at the Water Treatment Plant.

The annual Holiday Drive was held from Friday, November 20 – Sunday, November 22 in the lower level parking lot at City Hall from 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. City Hall will be closed Thursday, November 26 and Friday, November 27 in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday.

4. COVID-19 Update

Emergency Manager Dr. Mark Landahl provided an update of the COVID-19 impact on the City, County, State.

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5. Community Forum

Name	Topic
Laura Kaplan-Weisman Human Services Advisory Commission	Boards and Commissions Task Force Report
Jack Kelly	FY2020 Procurement Action Plan
Steven VanGrack	Agenda items 9, 10 and 11
Vincent Russo	Agenda items 8, 10, and 11
Marissa Valeri Vice President of Twinbrook Community Association	Accessory Dwelling Units
Written Comments Laura Kaplan Weisman,	Agenda item 9 BCTF Four Priority

Name	Topic
Human Services Advisory Commission	Recommendations
Judy Rudolph	Agenda item 9 BCTF Four Priority Recommendations
Vincent Russo	Agenda items 8, 10 and 11

6. Mayor and Council's Response to Community Forum

Mayor and Council thanked everyone for their participation in Community Forum.

7. Consent

There were no consent items for this meeting.

8. Public Hearing on Zoning Text Amendment TXT2020-00256, to Amend Section 25.21.21 of the Zoning Ordinance to Modify the Tree Planting Requirements for New Residential Lots Containing Townhouses, Duplexes and Other Attached Units (FAST Initiative); Mayor and Council of Rockville, Applicants

Principal Planner Brian Wilson provided an overview of the amendment to modify the Tree Planting requirements for Residential Lots.

Staff recommends the Mayor and Council review and provide comments and to the amendment and instructions for the next steps.

Name
Speaker by phone
Deborah Landau President of ERCA
Caryl McNeilly
Dr. Robert Williamson
Wayne Breslyn
Donna Neiderhiser
Anne Goodman

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Speaker by phone
Deborah Landau President of ERCA
Caryl McNeilly
Suzan Pitman
Sarah Salazar

The Mayor and Council requested Staff to bring back the Amendment for adoption.

The Public record will remain open for a 2 week period. The complete testimony of this evening's speakers can be found in the official Public Hearing records located in the City Clerk/Director of Council Operations office. The Public Hearing closed at 7:06 p.m .

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9. Appointed Officials Suggested Action Based on Review of the Boards and Commissions Task Force's Four Priority Recommendations.

Acting City Attorney Cynthia Walters provided an overview of the review of the Boards and Commissions Task Force's Four Priority Recommendations.

The Boards and Commissions Task Force has completed its work and discussions with the Mayor and Council, the three appointed officials have reviewed the entire BCTF report and focused on the four priority recommendations in the short term:

Mayor and Council will discuss the suggestions provided by staff and give direction for implementation including:

- Directing staff to bring back revised guidelines and procedures for discussion at a later Mayor and Council meeting
- Implementing monthly email reminder for agendas and minutes
- Creating Departmental Committees
- Implementing website changes
- Developing a Post-COVID recruitment video

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10. Discussion on New Boards and Commissions (Education and Youth) Outreach and Recruitment

City Clerk/Director of Council Operations Sara Taylor-Ferrell presented an outline for the possible establishment of an Education and Youth Commission and provided history of prior discussions to create a Commission.

Staff recommends the Mayor and Council review the proposal for the Advisory Commission on Youth Commission.

Staff recommends the Mayor and Council review the proposal for the Advisory Commission on Public Education.

The Mayor and Council recommended that the Youth Commission go through the new Board and Commission Evaluation process.

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11. Request to Increase Membership on the Ethics Commission and Board of Supervisors of Elections

City Clerk/Director of Council Operations Sara Taylor-Ferrell presented a request from the Board of Supervisors of Elections to increase the membership from 5 to 7 members. Chair of the Ethics Commission Eugene Thirolf requested that an increase of Ethics Commission membership from 5 to 7 for a larger simple majority to constitute a quorum.

If the Mayor and Council wish to increase the membership on the Ethics Commission, an ordinance will be drafted and placed on an upcoming agenda for introduction and adoption.

Councilmember Beryl L. Feinberg moved to direct staff to draft an ordinance and place on an upcoming agenda for introduction and adoption increasing the membership of the Ethics Commission from 5 to 7 members.

	RESULT: UNANIMOUS
MOVER:	Beryl L. Feinberg, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Monique Ashton, Councilmember
IN FAVOR:	Mayor Newton, Councilmember Ashton, Councilmember Feinberg, Councilmember Myles, Councilmember Pierzchala

Councilmember Mark Pierzchala moved to direct staff to draft a resolution and place on an upcoming agenda for introduction and adoption increasing the membership of the Board of Supervisors of Elections from 5 to 7 members.

	RESULT: APPROVED [4-1]
MOVER:	Mark Pierzchala, Councilmember
SECONDER:	David Myles, Councilmember
IN FAVOR:	Mayor Newton, Councilmember Ashton, Councilmember Myles, Councilmember Pierzchala
AGAINST:	Beryl L. Feinberg, Councilmember

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THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL WENT INTO A BRIEF RECESS AT 8:38 P.M. THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL WORKSESSION RECONVENED AT 8:45 P.M.

12. Revised FY19 Procurement Annual Report

Director of Procurement Jessica Lewis presented an overview of the revised FY19 Procurement Annual Report.

Staff recommends that the Mayor and Council receive this revised report.

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13. FY20 Procurement Annual Report

Director of Procurement Jessica Lewis presented an overview of the revised FY20 Procurement Annual Report.

Staff recommends the Mayor and Council receive this report.

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14. Introduction of Resolution to Enlarge the Corporate Boundaries (Annexation) for Approximately 11.96 Acres of Land Located at 16200 Frederick Road (King Buick Property) and the Adjacent MD 355 Right-Of-Way; and Adoption of Resolution to Set a Date for the Required Public Hearing.

Principal Planner Manisha Tewari introduced the resolution for annexation of 11.96 acres and adoption of a resolution to set a date for the required public hearing.

Staff recommend the Mayor and Council receive staff presentation and initiate the annexation process, by taking the following actions: Introduce the resolution to enlarge the city boundary, and; Adopt the resolution to set May 17, 2021 as the date for the required public hearing.

Councilmember Mark Pierzchala introduced the resolution in attachment D to enlarge the corporate boundaries for the City of Rockville.

Councilmember Beryl L. Feinberg moved to adopt the resolution in Attachment E to hold, on May 17, 2021, a public hearing on the resolution to enlarge the City of Rockville's corporate boundaries and on proposed zoning.

	RESULT: UNANIMOUS
MOVER:	Beryl L. Feinberg, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Monique Ashton, Councilmember
IN FAVOR:	Mayor Newton, Councilmember Ashton, Councilmember Feinberg, Councilmember Myles, Councilmember Pierzchala

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15. Review and Comment - Mayor and Council Action Report

A. Action Report

The Mayor and Council review the Action Report.

16. Review and Comment - Future Agendas

A. Future Agendas

The Mayor and Council reviewed Future Agendas.

17. Old/New Business

The Mayor and Council discussed Old/New Business.

18. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:55 p.m.

RESULTS:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Monique Ashton, Councilmember
SECONDER:	David Myles, Councilmember
IN FAVOR:	Mayor Newton, Councilmember Ashton, Councilmember Feinberg, Councilmember Myles, Councilmember Pierzchala